

House Bill 2269

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act changes the relationship between OSCF and LAC. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.1).

Modifies the number of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation voting directors who are appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Authorizes the foundation voting directors to appoint all remaining voting directors. Changes the period for which the foundation must obtain independent financial reports from annually to biennially. Authorizes the Legislative Administrator to solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations from the foundation or other sources. Closes the Oregon State Capitol Foundation Operating Fund and the Oregon Capitol History Gateway Fund.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation; creating new provisions; amending ORS 173.500
3 and 173.720; repealing ORS 173.505 and 173.515; and prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 173.500 is amended to read:

6 173.500. (1)(a) There is established the Oregon State Capitol Foundation. The foundation shall
7 be composed of not fewer than nine and not more than 25 voting directors, who shall each serve a
8 term of four years. The President of the Senate shall appoint [*three*] **two** voting directors from
9 members of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint [*three*] **two** voting
10 directors from members of the House of Representatives. [*The Legislative Administration*
11 *Committee*] **The voting directors** shall appoint [*the*] **all** remaining voting directors **who were not**
12 **appointed by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives.** A
13 **voting** director is eligible for reappointment. **In order to ensure that the foundation has au-**
14 **thority to act under subsection (6) of this section, the appointing authority may appoint a**
15 **new voting director or reappoint an existing voting director upon a vacancy occurring or at**
16 **any time within six months preceding the expiration of the term of a voting director.**

17 (b) The foundation may appoint honorary, nonvoting members to the foundation.

18 [*b*] (c) The foundation shall elect a chair from among the voting directors of the foundation.
19 A **voting** director shall serve as chair for a two-year term and may thereafter be reelected as chair,
20 except that:

21 (A) The foundation may replace a chair by majority vote of **the voting directors of** the foun-
22 dation; and

23 (B) A chair must at all times be a voting director of the foundation.

24 (2) The Oregon State Capitol Foundation shall:

25 (a) Advise the Legislative Administration Committee on the terms and conditions of contracts
26 or agreements entered into under ORS 276.002.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 (b) Recommend to the committee renovations, repairs and additions to the State Capitol.
 2 (c) Recommend to the committee exhibits and events for the State Capitol.
 3 (d) Deposit gifts, grants, donations and moneys converted from gifts or donations of other than
 4 money into separate trust accounts reserved for the purposes of the gifts, grants and donations.
 5 (e) Develop, maintain and implement plans to:
 6 (A) Enhance and embellish the State Capitol in keeping with the design and purpose of the
 7 building and adjacent areas; and
 8 (B) Preserve the history of activities of state government that have occurred in the State Capitol
 9 and of persons who have participated in state government in the State Capitol.
 10 (f) Establish such funds and accounts as are reasonably prudent for a nonprofit corporation of
 11 the scope and mission of the foundation.
 12 *[(g) Consult with any advisory committees the Legislative Administration Committee may designate*
 13 *before the foundation makes a recommendation required by this subsection.]*
 14 (3) The Oregon State Capitol Foundation may:
 15 (a) Solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations from public and private sources in the name
 16 of the foundation.
 17 (b) Convert gifts or donations other than money into moneys.
 18 (c) Advise and educate in relation to changes in statutory law *[or adopted policy of the Legisla-*
 19 *tive Administration Committee]* in order to implement or promote the policies and objectives of the
 20 foundation, except that such advice and education is limited to:
 21 (A) Activities permitted within the limits afforded to organizations established under section
 22 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
 23 (B) Advice or education undertaken by the foundation that furthers the purposes of the founda-
 24 tion under subsection (2) of this section.
 25 (4) The Oregon State Capitol Foundation shall cause an independent audit to be performed *[an-*
 26 *nually]* **biennially** of all foundation finances. The auditor shall prepare *[an annual]* a **biennial** fi-
 27 nancial report according to generally accepted accounting principles and shall submit the report to
 28 the foundation *[and the Legislative Administration Committee]*.
 29 (5) The chair of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation may enter into contracts to carry out
 30 those functions and policies of the foundation for which the foundation has granted the chair con-
 31 tract authority. ORS 279.835 to 279.855 and ORS chapters 279A, 279B and 279C do not apply to a
 32 contract or agreement entered into by the foundation. *[The chair may delegate the contracting au-*
 33 *thority granted under this subsection to the Legislative Administrator.]*
 34 (6) The Oregon State Capitol Foundation may take action under this section upon a majority
 35 vote of a quorum of **voting** directors. A majority of the voting directors of the foundation consti-
 36 tutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
 37 *[(7) Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, directors or nonvoting members of the foundation who are*
 38 *members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to mileage expenses or a per diem and serve as*
 39 *volunteers on the foundation.]*
 40 *[(8)]* (7) The Oregon State Capitol Foundation may adopt its own rules and bylaws and is not
 41 subject to the rules of either house of the Legislative Assembly or Mason's Manual of Legislative
 42 Procedure. The foundation shall adopt rules and bylaws to guide the foundation and implement the
 43 foundation's responsibilities under this section.
 44 *[(9)]* (8) The Oregon State Capitol Foundation is not a part of the legislative department as de-
 45 fined in ORS 174.114 or a public body as defined in ORS 174.109. For purposes of ORS chapter 244,

1 neither the Oregon State Capitol Foundation nor any director or nonvoting member of the founda-
 2 tion may be considered to have a legislative or administrative interest.

3 *[(10) The Legislative Administrator shall provide meeting space and administrative support for the*
 4 *Oregon State Capitol Foundation.]*

5 **SECTION 2.** ORS 173.720 is amended to read:

6 173.720. (1) Pursuant to the policies and directions of the Legislative Administration Committee,
 7 the Legislative Administrator shall:

8 (a) Coordinate administrative operations of the Legislative Assembly in order to ensure efficient
 9 work flow.

10 (b) Develop standard formats for legislative manuals and interim committee reports.

11 (c) Review legislative organization, rules and procedure in cooperation with the Legislative
 12 Counsel with the intent of modernizing legislative operations.

13 (d) Conduct a continuing study of possible applications of technological changes and improve-
 14 ments, such as data processing and electronic equipment, to improve legislative procedures, and
 15 when considered advisable, make recommendations to adopt such applications.

16 (e) Arrange for and coordinate orientation conferences for members of the Legislative Assembly
 17 that shall include, but need not be limited to, education about recycling programs available in the
 18 State Capitol.

19 (f) Study and make recommendations on legislative compensation and working conditions.

20 (g) Control all space and facilities within the State Capitol and such other space as is assigned
 21 to the Legislative Assembly.

22 (h) Direct renovation and repair of the State Capitol, renovation, repair and replacement of
 23 State Capitol fixtures and facilities, and artistic and other aesthetic improvements to the State
 24 Capitol and adjacent areas.

25 (i) Perform administrative service functions for the Legislative Assembly, including but not lim-
 26 ited to accounting, data processing, personnel administration, printing, supply, space allocation and
 27 property management.

28 (j) Arrange for the printing and distribution of legislative manuals and interim committee re-
 29 ports.

30 (k) Establish fee schedules for legislative measures, calendars, indexes and digests.

31 (L) Coordinate the use of legislative supplies, materials, equipment and other property by legis-
 32 lative interim committees and by standing committees and offices of the Legislative Assembly.

33 (2) Pursuant to the policies and directions of the Legislative Administration Committee, the
 34 Legislative Administrator may enter into contracts to carry out the functions of the Legislative
 35 Administrator.

36 **(3) The Legislative Administrator may solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations from**
 37 **the Oregon State Capitol Foundation and other public and private sources for purposes of**
 38 **carrying out subsection (1)(h) of this section.**

39 **SECTION 3.** ORS 173.505 and ORS 173.515 are repealed.

40 **SECTION 4. (1) Any moneys remaining in the Oregon State Capitol Foundation Operating**
 41 **Fund on the effective date of this 2025 Act that are unexpended, unobligated and not subject**
 42 **to any conditions shall be transferred to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation.**

43 **(2) Any moneys remaining in the Oregon Capitol History Gateway Fund on the effective**
 44 **date of this 2025 Act that are unexpended, unobligated and not subject to any conditions shall**
 45 **be transferred to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation.**

1 **SECTION 5.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
2 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.
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